from Licensing Authorities where licensed manufacturing companies were found manufacturing spurious drugs. After investigations of the cases unearthed and detected, such persons when apprehended are prosecuted in the court of law as per the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder. Since these persons are not licensed manufacturers or traders of drugs, the publication of their names will not be of any significance. Therefore, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government to publish the names of the persons involved in the manufacture and trading of spurious drugs.

**Muscle damage by excessive mobile phone messaging**

4830. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excessive mobile phone messaging could lead to muscle damage and the risk is much to children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cellphone messaging is on the increase in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to avert health hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) According to ICMR, none of the available studies regarding Mobile Phone usage demonstrate any ill effect including muscle damage.

**Palliative care for cancer patients**

4831. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first foundation course on palliative care for cancer patients was inaugurated by him in Delhi;

(b) if so, the areas the course covered;

(c) whether palliative care for cancer patients has been provided by the Government hospitals around the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts taken by Government to provide palliative care for cancer patients and general awareness about the symptoms of cancer in the hospitals and all over the country?